

The unemployment rate for veterans generally runs about 10 percent higher than for the rest of the population. This is simply unacceptable, and I am always working with my colleagues in Congress to find ways to address this.

Right now, there are a number of laws that seek to give preference to veterans in [government hiring](#), [small business contracting](#) and [programs that retrain veterans](#) once they return home. If you had a job when you went overseas, that job should be waiting for you when you return. Make sure [know your rights](#).

There are many programs and resources available, and it can become confusing sorting out which is best for you. Be sure to get help when you are job hunting or looking for new education opportunities, and talk to a local [veterans service officer](#) who can point you in the right direction.

Other veteran Employment Resources:

- [NY VA Employment Services](#)
- [NY Department of Labor](#)
- [US Department of Labor](#)
- [VA Vocational Rehabilitation](#)
- [Department of Labor Transition Assistance Program](#)